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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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U.S. Patent 4,826,494 (Richmond et al.), dated May 2, 1989;

U.S. Patent 4,969,880 (Zamierowski), dated November 13, 1990;

U.S. Patent 5,215,522 (Page et al.), dated June 1, 1993;

U.S. Patent 5,527,293 (Zamierowski), dated June 18, 1996;

U.S. Patent 4,335,488 (Becker), dated June 22, 1982 corresponding to European
Patent Application 0 046 560 A1, dated March 3, 1982;

German Patent Specification DE 1 093 949 (Maier), "Belüfteter
Strahlenschutzhandschuh [Ventilated Radiation Protection Glove]", dated December 1,
1960;

U.K. Patent Application GB 2 220 357 A (Wood), dated January 10, 1990;

U.K. Patent Application GB 2 235 877 A (Talluri), dated March 20, 1991;

Russian Patent RU 2 029 563 C1 (Kochnev et al.), "Agent for Wound Protection", dated
February 27, 1995;

U.K. Patent Application GB 2 307 180 A (Hunt et al.), dated May 21, 1997;

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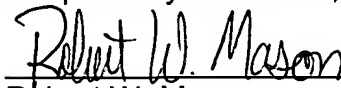
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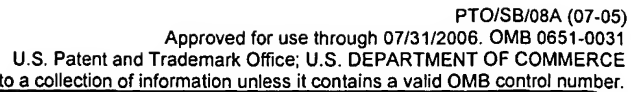
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